

mission and outreach. Remember Reach Volunteers and staff workers employed by UCCF in full time outreach in towns and cities all over Britain.

Sunday 29th

Remember the Sanctuary Service being held in Tabs today after the evening service, (Jon Bugg).

Monday 30th

Please remember the Baptist College in Cardiff. Think of the new Principal, Peter Stevenson, and other staff and students.

Tuesday 31st

Friends International promotes the befriending of people from overseas, mainly students, and inviting them to International Cafe events around the country. Ask God to show you how you could help such a person and pray for outreach among international students and visitors to Britain.

Contributions for the prayer diary should be sent to john.stansfield5@btinternet.com or left in the pigeonhole in the foyer by 7th of the month.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

New Beginnings

Beginning a new project is usually the easy part, getting it finished is the hard part. My garage is full of half completed woodwork projects; when Christmas approaches there is an incentive to get some of them finished to use as presents. The key factor is that there is a motive! When God begins a project in our lives how long is it sat on the shelf because there is no real incentive to complete that project?

Jesus had a three year project, which is related in the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles. Jesus took a bunch of ordinary guys and turned them into the most effective mission organisation ever seen. The fact that you are reading this today is proof positive that Jesus' project met its goals by spreading His message all round the world.

When Jesus starts a project in someone like you, do you oppose every twist and turn with excuses, 'my life' statements or similar? Suppose God is trying to remove a particular sin from your life, do you cling on to it or bow to God's obvious leading? Pray that God will complete His projects in your life, and that you will not be the one to put it on the shelf for years.

tabernacle : penarth

purpose : to reflect God's love in
our church, community and world

prayer diary : january 2012

Love one another.
John 13:34

Over 95% of people in Wales are not born again and do not go to church regularly. If we are to have any impact on our society we need to address why this is. However, as time goes by less and less people are being taken to Sunday school or hearing the message of Jesus in schools or on the media. This is actually an exciting opportunity as we are able to share the Good News of Jesus to people who are not tainted by old prejudices against Christians and the church. We are seeing a fresh mission-field with fresh and exciting opportunities for evangelism. However, those we speak to will have one question—are we for real? Do we live out what we say we believe, or are we just hypocrites? People will want to know, 'How authentic is your faith?' How we treat one another will have eternal consequences for those who are seeking answers. For that reason our verse for the year in 2012 is very, very simple—Love one another!

Pastor Roger

Sunday 1st (New Year's Day)

Please give thanks today for recent festivities and commit this year to God. If you make a New Year resolution pray over what it might be for the coming year.

Monday 2nd

This time last year the church was being asked to pray for the new nation of South Sudan. In the last year the news from there has not been great. Please pray for the leaders and people of this nation, and ask God to bless them as they try to build a Christian country in Africa.

Tuesday 3rd

Today many workers will return to work, please uphold a person who you know who is employed.

Wednesday 4th

The Leadership Council meets today, please pray for all the decisions which need to be made.

Thursday 5th

Please remember the needs of Home Access whose services are always needed by those seeking a place to live.

Friday 6th

Pray for the leaders of Tab's youth work enjoying a night off, but still needing more helpers and much prayer.

Saturday 7th

Please pray for those people employed by Tabs and volunteers who work in the Church building during the week.

Sunday 8th

On the second Sunday of the New Year let us give thanks for God's grace towards us, praise Him for the salvation He offers each one who will believe in Him and pray for guidance and help in the coming year.

Monday 9th

Please pray for the ladies who meet together through the week, especially Women's Hour which starts back today after the Christmas break.

Tuesday 10th

Please pray for those who are bereaved, those for whom the late festive season may not have been so festive and those for whom the long dark nights and short days in January can be a trial.

Wednesday 11th

Pray for the person who will lead the mid week Communion service today, and those who attend.

Thursday 12th

Today please pray for small and Alpha groups meeting again after the holiday.

Friday 13th

Please pray for those caught up in superstition and in fear of evil spirits. Pray for God to liberate minds by His Spirit.

Saturday 14th

Think today about translation work of language groups who have no Bible in their own language. Ask God to bless ongoing efforts to bring some of the many minority languages around the world into biblical translations.

Sunday 15th

Please pray for those leading the worship in Tabs today. Give thanks for the many people who contribute each week and ask God to bless the meetings today.

Monday 16th

If you know anyone who is unemployed, please pray for them and their family today.

Tuesday 17th

Please pray for the Wales Assembly Government, the First Minister, AMs and all who exercise power in Wales.

Wednesday 18th

Today please bring your own needs before God. Pray for family and friends, and that one person who does not 'do God'.

Thursday 19th

Please pray for the young people who are meeting each week to study the word of God, presently led by Jon Bugg.

Friday 20th

Please pray for Roger Grafton on his 'day off'.

Saturday 21st

Please ask God to resolve the ongoing crisis in Syria. Tyranny should be opposed wherever it is found, ask God to bring peace to this country.

Sunday 22nd

Nepal is a country close to the heart of several Tabs members. Please pray for the ongoing witness of INF and other NGOs working in the country. Pray for Baburam Bhattarai the Prime Minister elected in August.

Monday 23rd

In any organisation where lots of people gather there are two options, order or chaos. Administration is the key to effective ministry inside or outside the church. Let us pray for and give thanks for all those people who organise and man the rotas operated in Tabs. The coffee rota, flowers, welcome and security, preaching, sound desk and those who ask, plead, nag, motivate or otherwise to fill holes in rotas.

Tuesday 24th

Ask God to bless outreach among men in the church. Men's Christian Club meets every month to do just that. Ask God to give them a heart for outreach.

Wednesday 25th

Remember those who are sick, there will be an appropriate list in the newsletter.

Thursday 26th

Please pray for Steve Mayo from the Salvation Army leading the efforts of Cytûn this year. Ask God to bless plans for 'The Big God Tent' and other Cytûn events planned for this year.

Friday 27th

Ask God to challenge those who need to be baptised to go public and ask for baptism.

Saturday 28th

As universities and colleges go back to work please uphold Christian Unions in their witness in campuses around the country. Pray for God to give them a heart for